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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~5~~, wherein the surface to be treated is living tissue.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~5~~, wherein at least the adhesive material is sterilized.

Claim 4 (Original): The method according to claim 3, wherein the applicator and adhesive material are sterilized.

Claim 5 (Currently amended). A method for applying an adhesive material to a surface to be treated, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an applicator comprising at least one absorbent portion, said absorbent portion comprising an exterior surface;

providing an adhesive material, said adhesive material comprising 1,1-disubstituted ethylene monomers;

applying the adhesive material to the exterior surface of said absorbent portion so that the adhesive material is then absorbed into the absorbent portion of said applicator;

applying said adhesive material to said surface to be treated by contacting said absorbent portion with said surface to be treated;

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~~The method according to claim 1,~~ further comprising exposing the exterior  
surface of the absorbent portion to atmosphere prior to applying the adhesive material to  
the exterior surface.